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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

## SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS CONCERNING DURATION OF THE WAR.

## ALLIES' EFFECTIVE BOMBARDMENT IN THE WEST.

Field Marshal French's Farewell to the Troops.

A SQUABBLE ON THE PEACE "ARK."  
[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE "PEACE PILGRIMS."

#### STORY OF A QUARREL ON THE "ARK."

December 19, 3.00 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Christiania states that Mr. Ford's "Peace Pilgrims" have arrived. There was no official or other reception, merely Passengers going aboard.

Mr. Ford said the British were most gracious at Kirkwall, but none of the party was allowed to land there. Mr. Ford had the impression in Kirkwall that the British wished for peace, and he thought this was the case with the other belligerents' peoples. He said the basis of peace must be a status quo ante bellum.

Mr. Ford denied that there had been any disagreement on board, but said that some of the members would leave the expedition at Christiania because they were sick. American journalists on board confirmed the story of a quarrel, which was due, they said, to some members refusing to sign a protest against President Wilson's policy.

The party arrived at Christiania and proceeded quietly to the hotels.

### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

#### AN ALL-NIGHT BOMBARDMENT.

December 19, 5.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a communiqué states that the bombardment of German works and encampments in the Agram sector, south-east of St. Mihiel, continued into the night and yielded excellent results.

A squadron of French aeroplanes bombed the Sablons station at Metz.

#### BOMBARDMENT OF METZ.

December 19, 8.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that, according to a German communiqué, hostile airmen bombarded Metz on Saturday night, damaging property.

### GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN AMERICA.

#### ANOTHER PLOT UNEARTHED.

December 19, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that a bank clerk named Schleindl, who is secretary to Paul Koenig, head of the German Secret Service in the United States (whose arrest has already been announced) has been arrested. He is charged with the larceny of documents and cablegrams which it is alleged were handed him by German Government representatives.

The detectives say that Schleindl has confessed that he obtained information of shipments of munitions from private records at the Bank where he was employed. When arrested, a telegram was found in his pocket regarding the shipment of two million rifles for the Allies.

Schleindl admitted that he was a German Reservist.

Koenig and Lyndecker have been released on bail of \$10,000 and \$6,000 respectively.

## TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

December 19, 6.10 p.m.

The Norwegian steamer Nico has been sunk, eleven survivors and the pilot having been landed.

### DURATION OF THE WAR.

#### END "NOT FAR DISTANT."

December 19, 8.25 p.m.

Field Marshal Viscount French, in a farewell message to the Army in France, says he is firmly convinced that a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant. He concludes by heartily thanking them all.

#### "SOONER THAN EXPECTED."

December 19, 8.25 p.m.

Lord Derby, speaking on Sunday afternoon at a meeting in London, said he was convinced that the statement of the results of recruiting would show that the country was absolutely right, and that probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE RUSSIANS.

#### A SATISFACTORY COMMUNIQUE.

December 19, 12.30 a.m.

A Petrograd communiqué reports a series of minor reconnaissances and artillery engagements on the German front, all favourable to the Russians. South-west of Hamadan our troops continue to press the enemy closely.

### RUBBER FOR THE ENEMY.

#### BIG SEIZURE ON SWEDISH SHIP.

December 19, 2.00 a.m.

The Foreign Office announces that of 300 bags of parcel mails seized aboard the Swedish steamer Halligolav 119 contained nothing but rubber, estimated to weigh 8,000 lbs. All were consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden.

### IN THE BALTIC.

#### GERMAN CRUISER AND TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK.

December 19, 3.45 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Berlin officially reports that the small cruiser Bremen and an accompanying torpedo-boat were sunk in the eastern Baltic by a submarine. A considerable portion of the crew was rescued.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

#### THE RECRUITING QUESTION.

December 18, 1.05 p.m.

Numerous members of the House of Commons Unionist, Liberal and Labour alike, express their resentment at the forty anti-compulsory members for waiting on Mr. Asquith. They consider "that it was an outrageous breach of privilege," especially after the Premier had given his word to the married men. The moderate Liberals affirm that nobody has any right to try to anticipate Mr. Asquith's statement. His pledge was seriously meant and will be honourably carried out. Single men should enlist at once.

The Conservatives and many Labourites describe the deputation as a big mistake. They do not believe that the Government would give in to the slackers.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Lord Derby speaking at Bolton said Mr. Asquith will keep his pledge both in spirit and letter with practically the whole country behind him.

## WAR TELEGRAMS

### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A Paris correspondent states that a general bombardment is most intense in Artois, where aerial torpedoes are in use. The French blow up German wheeled transport in the neighbourhood of Chaulnes.

December 19, 5.45 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states that there had been an intense bombardment of the German trenches in the region between the Somme and the Oise, and at Soissons, and Reims. The enemy's batteries in the latter district were silenced.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A despatch from Reuter's correspondent in France states that the day was generally quiet; as it was misty it was unsuitable to the artillery, but the Anglo-French artillery has silenced the hostile guns north of Ypres.

### GERMAN SECRET SERVICE AGENT ARRESTED.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York says that Paul Koenig, stated to be the head of the German secret service in the United States, and Richard Lyndecker have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal. Five hundred horses have been drowned in the North River owing to the sinking of a barge, which was possibly scuttled by German agents.

### INDIAN AMBULANCE CORPS FOR EUROPE.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Durban reports that a contingent of the Indian ambulance corps is leaving for Europe.

### DEATH OF SIR JOHN RHYS.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

The death of Sir John Rhys is announced.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Messrs. Montague's silver report says the robust appearance of the market has been somewhat belied by the sales on account of China. Purchases are still being made for home coinage but there is a fall. Probably there will be a shortage in the Continental demand. Meanwhile there is an insufficient competition to stimulate the market, even though America is only a small seller.

### THE FORD PEACE MOVEMENT.

A Reuter correspondent says that the Ford Peace Ship has left Kirkwall for Christiania.

### GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

General Sarrai is quoted by a correspondent as having said: Events will find us ready to resist any attacks. Meanwhile the Greek mobilisation continues, indicating that the Government is alive to any contingency that may still be dragged in to the conflict.

A Reuter message states that Greece has addressed to the Entente a formal protest against the fortification of Salonica.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that a prominent Greek official has arrived with a view of assuring better railway and telegraph facilities for the Allies.

### THE IRISH UNIVERSITIES.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

The changed conditions at the universities are attested by the examiners in Ireland, for the Craven Scholarships, declining to award them, but Bajavi and P. Datt have been honourably mentioned for their work in the examination.

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### TELEGRAMS

#### PRESIDENT WILSON.

##### MARRIED TO MRS. GALT.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph." London, Received December 19. Reuter's Washington correspondent says President Wilson was married to Mrs. Galt yesterday. After the ceremony, which was of the simplest character, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left for the South, where the honeymoon is to be spent. They will be away for a fortnight.

##### NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

###### CONDENSED.

The Norwegian steamer Nico has been sunk.

French aeroplanes have bombed Sablons station at Metz.

President Wilson was married to Mrs. Galt on Saturday.

Lord Derby says the end of the war will probably come earlier than many expected.

The Germans admit that a bombardment of Metz by Allied airmen damaged property there.

Mr. Ford's "Peace Pilgrims" have arrived at Christiania, but no official or other reception was given them.

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The small cruiser Bremen, and an accompanying torpedo-boat have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic.

Mr. Ford gained the impression at Kirkwall that the British wished for peace, and he thinks this is the case with the other belligerents also.

A Mexican journalist on board Mr. Ford's peace ship says there has been a quarrel because some of the members refused to sign a protest against President Wilson's policy.

In a farewell message to the Army in France, Field Marshal Viscount French says he is convinced that a glorious ending to the war will be far distant.

A bank clerk named Schleindl has been arrested in New York for alleged larceny of documents and cables and said to have been handed him by German Government representatives.

##### DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.  
Friday, December 24.  
Dance at Hongkong Hotel.  
Saturday, December 25.  
Christmas Day, Public Holiday.  
Monday, December 27.  
Boxing Day, Public Holiday.  
Dance at Hongkong Hotel.



## GENERAL NEWS.

Changchun of Hopeh.  
There is a report that Chang  
Hui-jun, who was appointed  
the Chia-yuan of Hopeh some  
time ago, will be relieved of his  
post and General Wang Chen-  
sheng, the acting Chia-yuan of  
Hopeh, will succeed him.

Colonisation of Inner Mongolia.—  
According to the reports of the  
establishment of the Colonisation  
Bureau in Inner Mongolia, in a  
period of a little over one year,  
some 8,000,000 acres of land are  
now under cultivation. Taking  
this as a basis for calculation, it  
is generally expected that in ten  
years the whole territory of Inner  
Mongolia will have come under  
the plough.

Official Scandal in Anhwei.  
The Chiangchun and Governor  
of Anhwei have submitted  
a special to the President impeaching  
Chen Pei-hsien, Director of the  
Branch Office of Military  
Organisation, on the charge of  
blackmailing and executing in-  
nocent inhabitants whom he  
treated as tuleus. The President  
is very angry about the crime and  
has ordered that the said official  
be court-martialled and dealt with  
strictly.

Reduction of Military Waste in  
China.

With a view to putting a stop  
to the "misappropriation of funds  
by the military authorities" the  
Government has decided to fix a  
new standard of expenditure for  
the troops says the National  
Review. Thus the annual expen-  
diture for each division of the  
Army is to be limited to \$1,170,-  
000; each brigade \$350,000; a  
regiment, \$423,000; a mixed  
brigade shall not exceed \$300,000  
a year; and a mixed regiment  
\$450,000. Funds for the annual  
expenditure of an independent  
brigade will be limited to  
\$1,100,000 and for an inde-  
pendent regiment at \$350,000.

Chinese National Loan for 1916.  
For the promotion of the native  
industries and for meeting ad-  
ministrative expenditure, the  
Government has decided to raise  
a sum of \$39,000,000 in the next  
financial year by internal loans as  
under: (1) the six per cent.  
Internal Loan, the amount of  
which as stipulated in the Budget  
is \$24,000,000, which will be  
ready for public subscription by

May next year; (2) Premium  
Bonds of the Industrial Loan,  
the first instalment of which is  
\$5,000,000 and the Bonds will be  
issued for disposal during Febru-  
ary next; (3) the Premium Bonds  
of the Hainan Savings Bank,  
the second instalment of which,

\$10,000,000, will be issued for  
sale during April or May next,  
that is after the drawing of the  
funds for the First instalment.

Trouble in Danish West Indies.

Copenhagen (via London),  
Nov. 5.—A cablegram has been

received here from the manager

of the La Grange plantation, near

Saint Cruz, Danish West Indies,

taking that the agitation which

is being carried on by a negro

named Hamilton among the

natives of the island was becoming

dangerous. The manager assert-

ed an uprising was imminent and

he requested the Danish govern-

ment to send a warship and troops

as soon as possible. The cable-

gram was addressed to the gover-

nor of the Danish West Indies,

who has been in Denmark for the

last few months. The governor

telegraphed for the West Indies to-day

—way of New York.

Attempted Train Wrecking.

San Francisco, November 5.—

Passengers arriving to-day on the

11 a.m. train of the Southern Pacific

and Los Angeles report that an

attempt was made to wreck the

train this morning at a point about

3 miles north of Fresno. Two

pieces of sheet iron, about a quar-

ter of an inch thick, and four feet

wide were placed across the rails.

The engine knocked one of these

beams off the rails and ran over

the other without leaving the

track. Detectives were at once

sent out from Fresno to investi-

gate. Railroad men believe that

the attempt at wrecking the train

was part of the campaign of the

Industrial Workers of the World

guitarists which has resulted in

the last few weeks in the burning

many farm buildings and the

extinction of hop fields.

If you have lost your appetite

one of the big variety

of spicy dishes at the ALEXAN-

DR. CADIE'S is sure to tempt

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## GENERAL NEWS.

From the Emden.

A torpedo from the Emden has  
been recently added to the collection  
of war trophies on view on the  
Home Guards Parade.

New Fellows of the R.C.I.  
Mr. Martinez C. Hay, of Pen-  
ang, and Mr. Louis E. Stanford,  
of Perak, were elected, selected  
non-resident Fellows of the Royal  
Colonial Institute.

Cardiff and Miss Cavell.

Sir William James Thomas, of  
Yankee, has contributed 1,000  
guineas for the endowment of a  
bed in King Edward VII Hospital,  
Cardiff, in memory of Nurse

Edith Cavell.

Engagement Announced.  
The engagement is announced  
of Mr. George Sinclair Moore,  
of H.B.M Consular Service in China,  
and Gladys Lucy, only daughter  
of Mr. G. A. Moore, of Engayne,  
Spiral, Cheshire.

Tut-Tut!

The Paris Rappel, following  
the example of the Libre Parole,  
Bataille, Figaro, Journal and  
Gazette, announces that it will  
no longer submit its news or political  
articles to the censor.

American Officer's Suicide

at Honolulu.

Honolulu, December 11.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Brownell, of the engineer corps U.S. Army, has committed suicide  
here. Colonel Brownell was 44 years old. No reason for the act  
are known.—Manila Bulletin.

Leave to Wear Foreign  
Decorations.

Wanted—Mr. Chin Teng.

The following appears among

the "Personal" advertisements of

a London contemporary.—Lost

Wang Yu-lin, a Chinese citizen

now living at 47, High-street,

Poplar, London, E., desiring to

return to China, will be grateful

for any information received about

his son, named Chun Tong, aged

17 years, wearing a silver ring in

his left ear, and calling himself a

Japanese. Last seen 13 weeks

ago in Guildford, Surrey, and

Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Two

Pounds reward to any person

finding the same.

Opium Suppression.

Governor Tai of Kiangsu has

received telegraphic instructions

from the central Government to

the effect that according to the

Opium Suppression Treaty,

Kiangsu ought entirely to be free

from the opium traffic by 1917.

As the date is drawing near the

Governor has been instructed to

order his subordinates to carry out

the suppression measures as the

most stringency. In obedience

to these instructions we under-

stand that the Governor has drawn

out a programme and has ordered

all the officials under his juris-

diction to obey it accordingly.

Briefly it is as follows: (1) begin-

ning from the 30th December no

poppy should be allowed to be

planted in any part of the pro-

vince; (2) before the 30th June

next year, all illicit trading in

opium must be entirely suppres-

ed; (3) before 31st December

next year, illicit smoking of opium

must be thoroughly suppress-

ed.—National Herald.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign Employees in China.  
During recent years the num-  
ber of foreigners employed by

the different Government institu-  
tions has greatly increased and  
a census taken some time ago by

the central Government shows  
that there are at present em-  
ployed in the capital and prov-  
inces altogether no less than

3,972 foreigners of different na-  
tionalities. Of these 1,107 are

British, 1,002 are French, 535

are Germans, 464 are Russians,

207 are Japanese, 174 are United

States citizens, 79 are Austrians,

173 are Belgians, 74 are Italians,

and the rest, 157 in all, belong to

other nations.

Chinese Gamblers at Manchester.  
The Manchester police raided

a Chinese laundry in Rusholme  
situated last month on account of

complaints as to gaming on the

premises. As a result of the

raid 23 Chinese, some of whom

lived as far away as Liverpool,  
and others in Rochdale, Stock-  
port, and Hyde, appeared before

the Manchester city magistrates.

The allegation was that all the

men were engaged in a game

named "fan-tan," and that on

the table were a large quantity of

Chinese coins and some English

money. In another part of the

premises there were found, it was

alleged, a number of dice repre-

senting pennies, some domi-  
nicks, and dice. All the defend-  
ants were remanded for a week,

trial being allowed.

Leave to Wear Foreign  
Decorations.

The King has been pleased to

give and grant unto Mr. Ernest

Woodburn Trotter, Deputy Com-  
missioner of Police, Bangkok,

His Majesty's Royal Licence and

Authority to wear the insignia of

the Third Class of the Order of

the White Elephant, which dec-  
oration has been conferred upon

him by His Majesty the King of

Siam in

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## BIRTHS.

MONK.—On December 12, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Monk, a daughter.  
FRAZIER.—On December 9, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Frazier, a son.  
ROUSSE-LACORDAIRE.—On December 14, at 51 Sinza Road, Shanghai, to Mr. and Madame Rousse-Lacordaire, a son.  
SOWDEN.—On December 9, at Sinho, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sowden, a son.

## DEATH.

KING.—At the Government Civil Hospital on December 18th, Arthur J. R. King, lately of Shanghai and Ipswich, England.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1915.

## POPULAR DEMANDS.

The question with which we dealt in the column on Saturday—the reconstruction of the local Legislature—is one of such importance and significance that we may be pardoned for reverting to it. For very many years now, public sentiment in favour of a more representative form of government in Hongkong has been growing in strength and force, until the reasonable demands of ratepayers can no longer be ignored. According to the expressions which one hears on all hands, the public view is that the reign of Officialdom has had its day—that it must make way for such an alteration in the mode of government as will more nearly meet the ideal that taxation and representation shall go hand in hand. So insistent has the demand been that—for the first time, we believe, in the history of the Colony—an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council is prepared to go the length of inviting Officialdom to show cause why its powers should not materially be curtailed. That is the true meaning of the Hon. Mr. Pollock's questions on the subject, to which a reply is to be given at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

If we come to look into the matter somewhat closely, we shall soon realise that, at the best, Mr. Pollock's queries can only serve the purpose of bringing home to the powers—that be the fact that the outside public wants a far larger share in the control of public affairs than it now enjoys. No-one imagines—least of all, Mr. Pollock himself—that the officials are going to receive his suggestions with open arms or that His Excellency will respond to the proposals by promising to advise the Secretary of State to accept and act upon them. Speaking generally, no man, or no body of men, once having been invested with power to overrule others, is supremely anxious to relinquish that power, and we imagine that the heads of Government departments in Hongkong, who have been steeped in officialdom all their lives, are no exception to the rule. That is why we see so little hope of Mr. Pollock's initial assault meeting with any measure of success, though it will certainly serve the purpose of acquainting the Home Government with the state of feeling out here. A further point to be made is that, even if they were adopted, the proposals would only partially remedy existing grievances, inasmuch as the Official element would still predominate on the Council. That, perhaps, is unavoidable and even necessary when we remember that the Council is often called upon to deal with naval and military matters and large Imperial issues concerning which it is essential that the Official point of view should be respected. But what could be done, and what should be done, is that the purely domestic affairs of the Colony should be delegated to a special Committee of the Council, so constituted that popularly elected Unofficial members should hold a majority of the seats. Such a Committee should have the assistance of the heads of certain Government Departments in its deliberations, and its decisions should only come before the Council for formal approval. Failing the creation of a Municipal Council proper, this plan should meet the general wishes of the public and entirely remove the illogical state of affairs at present prevailing.

We are quite prepared to expect a reply to Mr. Pollock's questions which will make the point that the form of government in Hongkong is that which is common to all Crown Colonies. But that has nothing to do with the merits of the system. Other Crown Colonies may be satisfied with conditions as they are. Hongkong decidedly is not. And that is why the public looks to His Excellency—as it has a right to do—to recommend to the Colonial Office such a measure of reform as will satisfy those who have to pay the

## Our Ricksha Men.

The two ricksha coolies who were caught by a member of the Police Reserve using their vehicles for the conveyance of fresh fish were made to pay pretty heavily for the privilege. They were fined five dollars a piece, and eighty st. too. With the best possible police supervision of these individuals, the public runs a fairly considerable risk in using public rickshas. As is the instance under notice, the ricksha-puller is by no means particular in the use to which he puts his vehicle—and it is quite possible that one moment he will be hauling about fresh, or, may be, far from fresh, fish, and the next a lady who has donned her very best gown to go out calling. The result, in such an event, is better imagined than experienced. Similarly, disease may very easily be contracted by a healthy person who has occasion to patronise a coolie who is none too particular as to who or what he carries in his ricksha so long as he is paid for it. Incidentally, the coolies themselves, and the clothes they wear, could generally do with a little more soap and water, especially since they have a little habit, when not engaged, of huddling up in their vehicles and falling asleep. Most assuredly a strict watch needs to be kept on the idiosyncrasies of these ill-tempered, slow-footed gentlemen.

## War's Effect on Shipping.

It is a most satisfactory state of affairs that Lloyd's have been able to announce that during the past year, in spite of the war, the total shipping cleared exceeded that of last year, by a very substantial figure. The fact is all the more interesting when we remember that nearly 3,000 vessels, of approximately four million tons burthen, have been permanently or temporarily removed from the shipping registers of the world since the war broke out. In all, it seems, Britain has lost some 600 ships through the operations of commerce-raiders, submarine piracy and the detention of vessels in German ports. But Germany has suffered to a much greater extent, the whole of her mercantile marine having been lost either by capture, detention in neutral ports or by being sunk by Allied warships.

## The Future.

Much of the shortage in the world's sea transportation is due, of course, to the enormous number of steamers taken over by Britain and France to convey troops from India, Algeria, Egypt and the Overseas Dominions to the various theatres of war, but masters have now reached such a point that our own Admiralty has been able to give the shipbuilding yards a much freer hand than they had before. As a consequence, the future should see a collapse in the "boom" freight which have been prevailing for so long. But that future is some way ahead as yet, and shipbuilders are wise in their day and generation when, as in Hongkong, they seize the opportunity which is before them and make ready for the busy days that are ahead.

## LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Horsey advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:

|                     |   |          |
|---------------------|---|----------|
| Dec. 1              | — | Tons 152 |
| " 2                 | — | 150      |
| " 3                 | — | 138      |
| " 4                 | — | 151      |
| " 5                 | — | 150      |
| " 6                 | — | 138      |
| " 7                 | — | 148      |
| " 8                 | — | 149      |
| " 9                 | — | 147      |
| " 10                | — | 148      |
| " 11                | — | 154      |
| " 12                | — | 152      |
| " 13                | — | 151      |
| " 14                | — | 158      |
| " 15                | — | 138      |
| " 16                | — | 143      |
| " 17                | — | 146      |
| " 18                | — | 144      |
| " 19                | — | 145      |
| Total to 19th inst. |   | 2,315    |
| Daily average       |   | 126.31   |

Mr. A. J. R. King.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. J. R. King, which occurred at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, at the early age of 25 years. The deceased came to Hongkong some four years ago as a reporter on the staff of the *China Mail*, and subsequently he was engaged in journalistic work in Shanghai. During his stay in Hongkong Mr. King acted for some time as organist at St. Peter's Church, being a man of considerable talent. He returned to the Colony about a fortnight ago from Australia, where he had gone for the purpose of recuperating his health, which was in a low state. He was admitted to hospital a few days ago, and passed away as stated, death being due to some lung trouble. By his cheery disposition the deceased made many friends, who will mourn his departure with deep regret.

A Folk Robbed.

A tradesman at Bonham Strand

## DAY BY DAY.

A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY  
FOR EVER,  
BUT LOVELINESS INCREASES; IT  
WILL NEVER  
PASS INTO NOTHINGNESS.—Lady

The Weather.  
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 48°,  
fine.  
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 59°,  
fine.

The Mails.  
English Mail.—Due to  
morrow per a.s. Novara  
Australian Mail.—Due to-day  
per a.s. Salamina  
Australian Mail.—Closes to  
morrow per a.s. St. Albans  
at 10 a.m.  
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow  
per a.s. Novara at 5 p.m.

The Dollar.  
The rate of the dollar on  
demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 73rd anniversary  
of the birth of the late  
Lord Alverstone.

Deck Passengers.  
The a.s. Haiching brought down  
191 deck passengers from Coast  
ports yesterday.

Christmas Week.  
Messrs. Morris and Co. advise  
us that during Christmas week  
their store will remain open  
until 6 p.m. daily.

Private Dance.

The management of the Palace  
Hotel, Kowloon, is arranging a  
private dance at the hotel on  
Christmas Eve.

Chinese Conjurer Outdone.

A Chinese conjurer, named San  
Wei-san, has reported that from  
the boarding house at which he  
was staying, his assistant robbed  
him of several articles and ran  
away.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice  
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals  
begs to acknowledge with thanks  
the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals.—Rev. T.  
E. Care, \$25.

Voyage Reports.

The a.s. Haiching, which arrived  
from Coast ports yesterday, reports  
moderate to strong N.E. wind,  
clear weather and rough sea.  
The a.s. Hopang, from  
Swatow, reports fresh to moderate  
monsoon and fine to clear weather

The Colours' Health.

Last week there were seven  
cases of enteric notified in the  
Colony (one each of British, Indian  
and Portuguese as well as one fatal  
case of diphtheria (British). Three  
of the enteric occurrences ended  
fatally.

University Student's Loss.

Yung Kong, a student of the  
university at Peking, has reported  
to the police that whilst he  
was away from his room at a  
boarding house yesterday, someone  
obtained the key from the  
accountant and, entering his room,  
stole \$145 in Hongkong currency,  
besides taking two coats and a  
pair of trousers.

Chief Jumps into Harbour.

At the Police Court, this morning,  
a Chinese was charged with  
stealing a bundle of cinnamon.  
A Chinese constable stated that  
the man was found with the wood  
under his coat, and, when asked  
where he had got it, he ran off  
and jumped into the harbour. An  
Indian constable went in after  
him and captured him. A fine of  
\$10, or a month's imprisonment  
was imposed.

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## LOCAL SPORT.

(Continued from page 4)  
83rd Company R.G.A. v. St. Joseph's College.  
The 83rd Company had a narrow win in their match against the St. Joseph's College on the Naval Ground on Saturday afternoon. The Collegians played very cleverly and the leather was soon at the gunners' goal, where a tough struggle followed in which R. Hyndman made a smart pass to T. Hyndman who had a fine opening, but, unfortunately, the leather hitting his arm, shot into the net and thus a good opportunity was missed. The Gunners then attacked and made many good tries, but Omar, as usual, cleared cleverly until a beautiful shot scored until a beautiful shot scored for the gunners. Although the Collegians played hard, the Gunners managed to maintain their lead throughout the first half. On resuming, both sides played with determination and the leather was toed about the field in quick succession until the Collegians made another fine dash into the Gunners' territory, where a rare struggle followed which resulted in a foul within the penalty area. The Collegians were awarded the penalty kick which was taken by T. Hyndman, who most unfortunately missed the ball by a couple of inches. The play which followed, was very evenly contested and the final whistle found the scores as follows:—83rd Company R.G.A., 1 goal; St. Joseph's College, nil. 88th Company R.G.A. v. Islamics.  
The 88th Company R.G.A. had a fine struggle against the Islamics for Second Division League honours on the Club ground on Saturday afternoon, proving themselves the better team from the start. They delivered many forceful attacks which, unfortunately for them, went either too high or too wide. The Islamics made a very poor show against the Gunners' strong defence and were obliged to play a defensive game throughout a greater part of the match. After missing many good chances, the gunners managed to score one point, which led them to maintain until the final whistle. The scores were:—88th Company R.G.A., 1 goal; Islamics, 0.

Navy v. Royal Engineers.

The match between these teams on Saturday came to an abrupt conclusion following an uneventful scene. The early stages of the game were all in favour of the naval men, who gave their opponents a big surprise by their good all-round play. Early on, the Navy notched a point, and from thence onwards the Engineers tried hard to equalise. They kept up a constant pressure on the naval goal, but no luck came their way, and, after many narrow escapes for the Navy, the half-time whistle sounded with the military men one goal to the bad.

After a period of even play on the resumption, the Navy forwards got going and during an attack on the Engineers' goal the referee (Mr. Ross) gave a penalty against the military team, one of the naval forwards having been fouled inside the area. Fennimore scored with the kick, whereupon a squabble ensued on a protest by the Engineers, one of whom is stated to have used abusive language towards the referee. The offending player was ordered off, but he refused to go and the referee declared the game closed, the Navy having a two-to-nil lead.

## RUGBY.

Scouts Co. H.K.V.C. v. The Rest. The match between the Scouts Company, H.K.V.C. and the rest of the Colony which took place on the Club ground on Saturday was productive of some good football, a strongly contested game ending in favour of the Scouts by 13 points to 3. Mr. Hegarty had got together quite a strong combination to represent the Scouts, while The Rest, despite the fact that they were not used to one another's play, put up a good fight.

The following were the teams:

The Scouts:—A. B. Stewart; E. Brand, A. L. Gage, E. W. Mamillan, and R. T. Barton; H. E. Hall, R. Kennedy, P. S. Leigh-Bennett, J. P. Watson, J. M. Wal-

ker, W. M. Sutherland, G. H. Piercy and H. G. Hegarty.

The Rest:—Clegg, Kempthorne, Henderson, R. Homeward, Chapman, House and Blackman; Balston, Spillane, Wade, C. K. Homeward, Sullivan, Garland, Wogman and Stalker. Mr. Paul Hock was selected as Referee.

At the outset the Scouts were the first to attack, a combined movement on the right looking dangerous. The Rest, who had started two men short, were rather in defence and after a time took away but failed to make use of their advantages, when called up. In a nice individual movement, Muriel broke away for the Scouts and was successful in shooting down, but the referee ruled that he had carried the ball into touch. Even play followed for a time, when a well-combined three-quarter movement on the part of the Rest resulted in H. Homeward scoring a try. Stalker took the kick, but failed to convert.

The Scouts were soon on the attack again and got the ball over the line, where it was "sared." During the remainder of the first half, the Scouts were the more aggressive side and had hard lines in not equalising, a series of scrums taking place on their opponents' line. Half-time arrived with the three points in favour of the Rest.

It was during the second half that the Scouts proved their superiority. The play on the re-opening was again brisk and it looked as if the exchanges were going to be even, but settling down to a better understanding, the Scouts displayed a lot of really good form. The first try came from Brand, this being the result of a nice three-quarter run. Kennedy with the kick was not successful. It was only a few minutes after this that Gage scored a really good try right under the posts, neatly finding no difficulty in adding the extra points. Just before the final whistle, Brand added yet another, this being in a good position for scoring, a thing that Hegarty did with ease. Although the Rest put up a good fight, they were unable to make much headway against their opponents and the game ended with scores reading:—Scouts, 2 goals, 1 try (13 points); The Rest, 1 try (3 points).

## CRICKET.

Queen's College v. University.

These teams met on the Crayengowar ground on Saturday, the game ending in a comfortable win for the University. It was a bowler's day, Ho Wing-kin doing the "hat trick" for the winners and taking eight wickets for 13 runs, while Fletcher had the fine average of six wickets for three apiece. The scores were:

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Queen's College.              |    |
| E. I. Edwards, b Ho Wing Kin  | 21 |
| S. H. Imail, c and b Anderson | 0  |
| A. V. Hall, c Marley, b Ho    |    |
| Wing Kin                      | 7  |
| S. Ootuka, c Anderson, b Hall |    |
| Wing Kin                      | 0  |
| W. Kay, c Chua Wing Te, b     |    |
| Ho Wing Kin                   | 4  |
| C. Choi, b Ho Wing Kin        | 0  |
| J. C. Fletcher, not out       | 5  |
| L. Moosdeen, b Ho Wing Kin    | 0  |
| W. Gitter, b Ho Wing Kin      | 0  |
| S. D. Iam, b Ho               |    |
| Wing Kin                      | 6  |
| A. H. Munro, b Ho             |    |
| Extras                        | 4  |
| Total                         | 44 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| O. M. K. W.  |          |
| Ho Wing Kin  | 5 13 8   |
| Anderson     | 5 1 21 1 |
| Ng Sze Kwong | 2 0 0 0  |

University.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| A. H. Remjha, b Kay      | 7 |
| Chen Wing Toh Key        | 4 |
| Ng Sze Cheung, Moosdeen, |   |
| b Fletcher               | 0 |

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Yang Hia Liu, b Fletcher  | 6 |
| Wei Wing Look, b Fletcher | 6 |
| Ho Wing Kin, c Imail, b   |   |
| Fletcher                  | 4 |

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| C. G. Anderson, b Kay          | 0 |
| J. Wright, b Fletcher          | 4 |
| Wei Wing Hon, c and b Moosdeen | 8 |

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Ng Sze Kwong, b Fletcher | 1  |
| G. E. Marley, not out    | 28 |
| Extras                   | 13 |

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|-------|----|
| Total | 85 |
|-------|----|

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| O. M. K. W. |           |
| Kay         | 12 4 21 3 |
| Fletcher    | 9 2 18 6  |
| Hall        | 3 1 13 0  |
| Johnson     | 5 0 19 0  |
| Moosdeen    | 1 0 1 1   |

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.

## (VERBATIM.)

An extraordinary general meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, was held at the office of the Society, 2 Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, at noon to-day, for the purpose of confirming resolutions which were passed at an extraordinary general meeting on December 4.

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. H. Dodwell, those also present being the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holbrook, Messrs. W. L. Patterson, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. A. Plummer, A. Forbes, and G. T. Edkins (directors); Mr. C. Monteague E. (secretary) and Messrs. Ho Fook, W. Dunbar, W. R. Mansfield, and R. F. Hall (shareholders). The Chairman:—As it is now past the hour for which this meeting was called, and as there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary then read the notice and the following resolution:

1.—That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four million Dollars) by the creation of 3,600 (Three Thousand six hundred) additional ordinary shares of \$250 (Two hundred and fifty Dollars) each whereof \$100 (One hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th of this month, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th of this month, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance (if any) of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society.

2.—That Article No. 9 of the Society's Articles of Association which now reads:

The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Society either from him alone or jointly with any other person and where a share is held by more persons than one the Society shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies due to it from all or any of the holders thereof.

be eliminated in its entirety and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:

9.—The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Society whether the period for the payment of fulfilment or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and no equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34 hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such shares.

3.—That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:

34a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, firm, Company or Corporation.

4.—That the heading of Articles Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's Articles of Association reading "the Secre-

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| Destination.                | Steamers.                     | Sailing Date                           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
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## LOG BOOK

The Dutchess Maru. The stock boat Dutchess Maru, 1,676 tons, the Kawasaki Dockyard Company has just completed, has been sold by an Osaka business man at ¥ 450,000 which is easily a new record.

M. R. D. Barry.

The torpedo-boat-destroyer to be built at the Mitsubishi Dockyard from April 1916 to her completion in 1917 will be the largest type of this kind of warship in the world, with a tonnage of 1,200 tons. The destroyer will be called Hamagaze.

The Case of the Iro Maru.

The Japan Chronicle quote a report which states that the Japanese steamer Iro Maru has been released after all her cargo has been seized and loaded. It will be remembered that the French Minister in Peking received a telegram from Saigon reporting that when the steamer reached French waters off Cape St. Jacques, she was approached by a French destroyer, the officers of which witnessed cases being rapidly thrown overboard from her decks. The vessel was taken to Saigon, where an examination revealed much cargo, which is believed to have consisted of "medicine" (for Chinese rebels). According to Nagasaki dispatch to the Asahi, Mr. Mori Hidematsu, owner of the Iro Maru, has brought forward a claim of £200,000 as compensation against the French Government in connection with the affair, and the French Consulate-General at Shanghai is making investigations into the matter. Mr. Mori left Nagasaki for Shanghai by the Ongaku Maru on the 25th ultimo.

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LOG BOOK

America's Shipbuilding.  
The U.S.A. navy programme, it is reported, includes the construction of the "world's biggest and fastest battle cruisers," which will cost about \$4,000,000 each, and carry the "heaviest guns." The contract will call for a speed of 33 knots. At present America possesses no cruiser-battleships, and is deficient in scout cruisers.

Freights at Weihaiwei.  
The Commissioner of Weihaiwei, in his report for 1914, states that steamer freights were low owing to the cutting of rates by the Japanese, but in spite of this prospects were most promising up to the outbreak of war. Since then, however, there has been a good deal of cargo appearing, but, owing to the scarcity of British tonnage, Japanese vessels have reaped the benefit.

New Dutch Ship.  
The new Koudijksche Paket-transport Company's steamer *Ombilis* was launched on Nov. 10 from the Nederlandsche Scheepsbouw Mij. of Amsterdam. The vessel is built of steel, and is the first ship-carrying unit of the fleet. She is also the first steamer with torpedo tanks to be built in Holland. Her length is 420 ft., breadth 54 ft., and depth 27 ft. She has a displacement, with a draught of 22 ft. 6 in., of 11,500 tons. The steamer has been built to Bureau Veritas highest class Seven watertight bulkheads divide the ship into eight compartments. The holds have big hatches, and the vessel is equipped with up-to-date and powerful cargo-handling appliances.

The German Merchant Marine.  
Speaking at the meeting of the London Maritime Investment Company, Sir Owen Philippe gave a survey of the present position of the German merchant marine. At the outbreak of the war, he said, the German merchant marine consisted of 5,459,296 tons, as compared with 19,256,766 tons owned by Great Britain. Of the German tonnage, 230,000 tons have been captured by the British Navy and 38,000 tons have been captured by our Allies; 117,900 tons sank, and 397,000 tons interned in ports of the British Empire, while the remainder, viz., about 4,677,000 tons (with the exception of an insignificant and diminishing number of steamers running in the Baltic), has for more than a year been rusting in German and neutral harbours.

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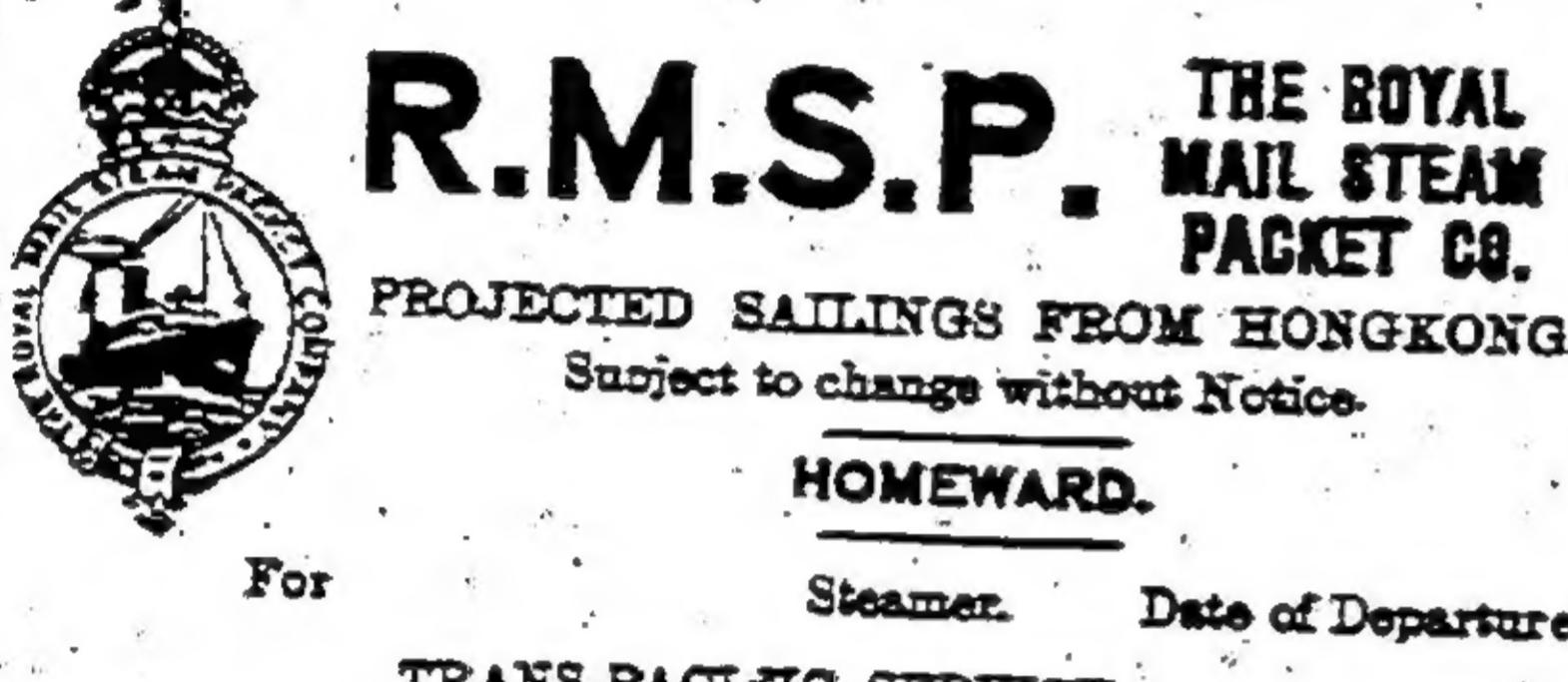
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|                               |            |           |         |
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| Sydney & Melbourne via Manila | Nikkō M.   | N. Y. K.  | 14 Jan. |
| Australian Ports via Manila   | Changba    | B. & S.   | 21 Jan. |
| Australian Ports via Manila   | Eastern    | G. L. Co. | 31 Jan. |
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|                                   |            |             |         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
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## EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1915

### TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Editor's Service to the "Telegraph."]

### OUR ARMY IN FRANCE.

### FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH'S FAREWELL.

December 19, 10.00 p.m.

Field Marshal Viscount French, in his farewell, on relinquishing the command of the British Army in France, says:—

"I wish to express to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, with whom I have been so closely associated for the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow at parting, before the campaign, in which we have been so long engaged together, has been brought to a victorious conclusion. I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to the splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant. I look towards the final goal with intense interest, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity which knows no defeat and to the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of this splendid Army which it will ever remain in the pride and glory of my life to have commanded for over sixteen months of incessant fighting."

"The Regulars and the Territorials, the Old Army and the New Army," continued the Field Marshal, "have shown these magnificent qualities in an equal degree. At this sad moment of parting, my heart goes out to those who have received life-long injury. I think with sorrow of that great and glorious host of beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifice, of laying down their lives for their country. In saying Good-bye to the British Army in France, I ask them once again to accept this expression of deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion, and my earnest good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel is assured."

### FROM THE PIT.

Cities of Greece: 4. Corinth.

Notes of a sermon preached by th. Rev. J. Kirk Macaulay at the Union Church yesterday morning:—

Text: Acts 18/19. "And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace; for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee; for I have much people in this city." 2 Thessa. 3/1 (Written from Corinth) "Finally, brethren, pray for us." Ancient Corinth, destroyed about the same time as Carthage, and result of a Roman Colony by Julius Caesar, is comparable with our own settlement of Hongkong in having grown from nothing to a great commercial and military centre in a couple of generations. In position, in external beauty, in trading prosperity, in the nature of mixed population and to some extent in form of government we may accept a comparison, but let us hope it would not hold good in the point that Corinth became a byword for fast living, being not injuriously called the Vanity Fair of the Roman empire. Prosperous cosmopolitan seaports have certainly moral dangers of their own, and our Colony does not escape them. People go to such places in pursuit of wealth, and whether or not they attain it they are involved in a novel and exciting way of life, with home influences withdrawn and everything else secondary to the main object of getting on. Crown Colony government also fosters irresponsible living by denying the community any real share in the management of its own affairs, and that partly accounts for faults with whom settlements like this are chargeable. Give us nothing to do but make money and amuse ourselves, and who can be surprised?" "We are too long in the race, not of our own choosing."

the intercessions to make them reach their goal? Prayer means nothing if not that in it we actually send forth energies of mind and spirit which accomplish actual results in ways which God has appointed, independent of time and space.

The powers that be are not to be exempted from criticism, but if there were more prayer in the Churches and less carping in sections of the press in the clubs and Houses of Parliament it would be well for our unity as a people and the effective prosecution of the tremendous task we have in hand. Another Christmas is upon us, and in national affairs it would seem to be the ghastliest mockery of the Christmas message since Christendom began. "May I be forgiven," said the preacher, "if I am mistaken, but I cannot resist the impression that it sits all too lightly upon a great many people. We are supposed to be Christians, to believe in prayer and to employ spiritual forces. But as far as many are concerned our men in the trenches and our leaders in general are denied the help they ask for in the way of spiritual upholding. Fountains of blessing are sealed up, the day of victory is postponed, because to much of current Christianity is little more than skin deep, and we seem unable to learn even from adversity to take it more seriously."

"Without are fightings, within are fears." They are being borne for us by our brothers at the other side of the world, and here we are so safe, so quiet, so far away. We give some money, we do a little work, more than a little it does by the trying and honourable service of the Volunteer Corps. But that aside, if the time and money frittered in the old trivial way, were turned in deadly earnest to the service of our country's need we should see a difference and feel some easing of conscience. Also we should be more in the mind to pray. Prayer sits close by the workroom, but it is a long distance from the card party and the racecourse and the whisky bottle. If we come short in self-discipline we shall fail in intercession, and in our community at large it is not easy to see much sign of either the one or the other. Another Christmas and another New Year will presently be upon us. You need no information from me as to how the social convivialities of the season kill the sacredness of the one and blight the hopes of the other in many deplorable instances. The year-end is a time of peril and peculiar temptation to many young men, both in civil life and in the services. The Government at Home have prohibited treating, and the effect is bound to be salutary. Our Government here has not thought fit to give us any lead in the line of self-restraint from first to last. We say we do not need it, but take the tone that it is an insult to suggest it. Nevertheless, I do suggest it, and in any case I make an appeal, not for less hospitality, but for more sacredness. If the people of this Colony were to moderate their festivity and give what they would save to one or other of the war funds, no one would be the worse and many would benefit. Also it would help us to pray, to ask God with a clearer conscience that the next Christmas may fall to us in a brighter and better time. We look for a distant day in which swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, but we know on the highest of all authority that there are times when it is a man's duty to sell his cloak and buy him a sword. For the moment ours is the latter duty, and the practical suggestion I have offered is, I venture to think in the line of it. For one I should not like to spend my Christmas amid the popping of cork while the boys at the front are under the crashing of shells, and, having had no sleep, I must leave you your own conclusions. To conclude, I hope you will be good to your children."

### FIRE AT WANCHAI.

Chinese Women Injured and Property Gutted.

A fire which was attended by injuries to two Chinese women, and serious damage to a good deal of property, broke out in the congested quarter of Lung Fat Street, Wanchai, in the early hours of this morning.

The Fire Brigade received the call about 3.45 a.m. and, together with the Police, were soon at the spot, where it was discovered that the fire had originated in a Chinese furniture store, the cause being unknown. Despite the hard work and efficiency of the Brigade, the fire rapidly gained a hold, and, fanned by a light breeze spread quickly to the adjoining premises. The Brigade, recognizing that the fire was growing in dimensions, concentrated all their efforts upon the two buildings which were already alight, but were hampered by an insufficient water supply, which hal

### HONGKONG TRADE.

A Fortnight's Activities Reviewed.

The following extract are taken from the Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce under date of December 18:—

Opium.—The stocks on December 18 were 414 of Patna, 225 Benares, 324 Malwa, and 117 Persian and Turkish. The exports during the interval have been one chest of Patna, 20 of Malwa and 14 Persian and Turkish. In uncharted Bengal opium the balance of stocks on December 18 was 179 Patna and 58 Benares. No opium was boiled by Government monopoly.

Canton Piece Goods.—Since we last wrote no sales are reported from first hands and daily clearance have fallen off considerably.

Fancy Cotton Goods.—The market is dull and uninteresting. It is increasingly difficult to arrange shade assortments, many colours being unobtainable.

Canton Yarn.—The market continues featureless but as bargains in dealers' hands are now light we anticipate a demand shortly.

Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$92/106, No. 12s at \$95/107, No. 16s at \$96/115, No. 20s at \$100/125.

Arrivals 2,200 bales. Sale 1,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 45,000 bales. Bargain 15,000 bales.

Woollens.—No business. Market very dull.

Raw Cotton.—No business. No quotations. No stocks.

Metal.—There has been a small demand for Nails, Bars and Plates. Nails 1½-3 inch specification for near delivery have been sold at \$1450 per picul, but no further lots are coming out at this figure.

Bars will pay 9 cts. to 9½ cts. for Bars for delivery within 2 months, but no sales are reported.

Steel Plates have been fixed at 10 cts. per lb. There appears to be a shortage of metal.

The continual shooting out of cargo on the Pacific coast together with a demand from Japan, has caused prices locally to firm up considerably.

Cabled prices from home and America advise further advances, and it does not look as if the top has yet been reached. Yellow metal: Nominal Nil.

Petroleum.—Market very quiet. Sales normal.

Fruit.—The whole situation remains absolutely unchanged.

American market is firm and freights are likely to advance. Southern markets are still waiting to see the actual position of Australia, where crops have been taken over by the Government.

Stocks about 330,000 sack:—Patent \$3.70, cut-off \$2.90, straight \$2.88, seconds \$2.81.

Sugar.—Market has improved slightly; demand for bowers from Northern ports.

The aggregate sales for the month 56,430 piculs at all grades. Saltwater No stocks. No. 1 and 2, No. 3 and 3,300 bags sold. Market very strong.

### APPLICATION

ADJURNED.

An application for the winding up of the Wong Wo Company, general storekeepers and warehousemen, of 32, Queen's Road Central, was before the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, who appeared for the applicants, asked that the case should be adjourned until January 3, saying that they were waiting for a package from Singapore intended to assist the Respondent in the case had been previously forwarded.

The application consented to the

### A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

### LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 20, 1914.

Egypt and the Turkish Debt. The alteration in the status of Egypt does not affect the Turkish debt secure, on the Egyptian tribute, which the Egyptian administration will continue to transmit to Rothschilds and the Bank of England.

More Shipping Freights. Record shipping freights are being paid in London, tonnage having been chartered at 40/- grain River Plate to England, compared with the rate of 12/- paid in the summer and 9/- Cotton Savannah to Liverpool.

No British Warships Lost off East Coast.

The Admiralty announces that no British warships of any kind were lost during the recent operations off the East Coast.

Revised Statement of Casualties on the East Coast. It is now stated that there were 103 killed and 444 wounded at Dardispool; and 17 killed and 50 wounded at Scarborough. The "Vorwaerts" on the Russian

"Defeat."

The Berlin Vorwaerts says it is a ridiculous and misleading exaggeration to speak of the annihilation and defeat of the Russians; and that, even if the body be great, the Russians must have escaped safely, owing to their timely retreat.

Our New Protectorate.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo announces that a salute of a hundred and one guns was fired this afternoon at Alexandria, Port Said and Cairo. The Union Jack was hoisted over the British Agency at Cairo.

To Succeed the Khedive.

It is officially announced that Prince Hassan, uncle of the Khedive, has been appointed to succeed the Khedive, with the title of Sultan.

"Berlin's Frenzied Joy."

Explained. The puzzle of the "frenzied joy" expressed in Berlin over the alleged victory is partly solved by the arrival of Berlin papers, which pause to ask why there are no names of battlefield lists of captures. It is evident that the people fixed on the word "decision" in the communiqué. Immediately they went into ecstasies over a vague, bloodless triumph. Obviously thus was the reaction from their profound despondency. Over the Falklands defeat and the Serbian reentry into Belgrade. Similarly, the Berlin Press describes the Yorkshire raid as the destruction of England's sovereignty by sea.

The Athens Conviction.

The Court of Criminal Appeal has quashed the conviction of December 9 against diet Athens, German Consul in Sunderland, on the ground that it did not follow, from the evidence, that the appellant's actions were hostile to Britain's interests. There was also a misdirection of the jury on the point as to whether Athens knew that war had been declared when the alleged acts were committed.

Beat in the Corps.

Inspector Sadiq Khan 80

On the Staff—

Sergt. Major Boylance 78

Inspector McLean 78

Musky. Inspect. Chinnam 78

No 1 Company, 1st and 2nd

Platoons:

Inspect. Lamont 78

P. C. Butterfield 78

P. C. Penman 77

P. C. W. F. Ford 77

P. C. McDonald 75

3rd and 4th Platoons:

Sergt. Khan 77

P. C. K. Hosman 76

P. C. D. Romphu 73

No 2 Company:

P. C. P. Rose 75

P. C. F. M. Cruz 75

Sergt. R. E. Roberto 76

Sergt. P. O. Roza 70

P. C. G. A. P. Xavier 68

No 3 Company:

P. C. Wong Chee Tiong 77

O. R. Robert Cleve Palmer 74

P. C. Chen Chien 74

Sergt. James Wong 70

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Yesterday's Toys Kermesse.

The Toys Kermesse held in the Catholic Cathedral compound yesterday afternoon, was a great success, the various stalls, laden with toys and sweets, and the refreshment bar, being well patronised.

The Hongkong Police Reserve Band, in their smart winter uniform, were in attendance and rendered some fine selections throughout the afternoon.

There was a large gathering of people and the stalls did plenty of business, but the absence of the Shooting Gallery and Bell and Buckle, proved somewhat of a drawback to male patrons. The absence of the Boy Scouts' stall, which was so popular, was also regarded with regret by cigarette and tobacco hunters. Nevertheless, the function, which terminated a little after six, was a great success and the Committees of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Catholic Women's League, who were responsible for it, are worthy of great praise.

Following is a list of ladies and gentlemen who assisted:—

Catholic Women's League Staff:—Madame E. L. Rosario, E. H. Summers, J. O. Remedio, L. G. Xavier, the Misses M. & L. Loureiro, Esther Xavier, Edith Carvalho, Eveline Luz, L. Collaco, C. Rosario, B. Castro and Franco.

Toy Staff:—The Misses Beatriz, Mrs. J. Gardner, Mrs. A. F. Osmund, Mr. A. P. Baptista, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. C. Rocha, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. V. Ribeiro and others.

Boy Scouts:—Ring and Bell under the supervision of Mr. M. F. Baptista.

Tea and Refreshment stall:—Mr. A. F. Silveira, Mrs. Charlton, the Misses Summers, M. A. Rosario, Angela Alves (members of the Catholic Women's League), the Misses Barreto, Baiga, Rosa and Monteiro (peoples of Italian Convent).

Bar—Mreas. A. G. Rocha, R. Cunha, A. V. Barros, M. Leao.

The Police Head was under the direction of Bandmaster L. Costa and the Orchestra of the Sociedade Philarmônica was under the direction of Prof. Gonçalves.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D. S. P. (Reserve) staff—

Musick Course Part 1.

Part I of the Musick Course having closed on Sunday, Dec. 20th, the M. I. reports the following highest scores:—

Beat in the Corps—

Inspector Sadi

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

# SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 1915.

## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Editor's Service to the "Telegraph"]

### THE SECOND ANCONA NOTE AND WHAT IT IMPLIES.

December 19, 11.55 p.m.  
A New York forecast says that the second Ancona Note reiterates the American demands, based on the admission of the Austrian Admiralty, and leaves no doubt that Austria will have to reply promptly. The rupture or the maintenance relations depends on the reply.

### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST ENEMY AGAIN CIRCUMVENTED.

December 20, 1.25 a.m.

A British official message says that the enemy, on Sunday morning, crossed the British lines north-east of Ypres, accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Excepting a few places, where they were repelled before reaching our lines, our fire prevented the Germans from leaving their trenches. Our anti-gas measures were most effective and the line remained everywhere intact.

Hostile artillery has been unusually active east of Ypres, and west and south of Messines. The enemy exploded two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentières, and attempted to occupy the crater, but were driven off.

### ALLEGED ENEMY TRADING.

The Case of Meers, Thoresen  
and Co.

The hearing was resumed at the Registry this afternoon, before Mr. Hazelton, of the case in which Meers, Thoresen and Co. are charged with trading with the enemy.

Mr. G. N. Orms was for the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Preston, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Burns brought before his Worship the case against Carl Jensen, saying that the summons was taken out before they knew the facts of the case. Mr. Jensen was the writer of the letter and they did not know whether Thoresen and Co. would accept responsibility. They were now proceeding against Thoresen and Co.

Mr. Jenkins asked if the summons against Carl Jensen would be withdrawn.

Mr. Orms answered in the affirmative and said the summons was for trading with Pasdag and Co. The actual offence was for supplying five cases of petroleum stores to Pasdag and Co. of Amoy.

It was understood that the stores came out from Hongkong, but as far as they were concerned the goods went out of British protection and passed to Pasdag and Co., who were Germans. The facts were simple. A letter was intercepted by the censor from the defendants to Pasdag in Amoy, enclosing a bill of lading, a bill of charge and shipment expenses on five cases of petroleum stores.

Inspector Sullivan:—I have heard of the firm before, but I have not tried to find out whether the heads were Chinese or not.

Mr. Jenkins:—Have you not heard in the course of this case that the goods were shipped to the Faikin Drug Co., as Consignees? —From what I saw of them they were consigned to order.

Mr. Jenkins:—Do you know that the goods arrived in this port by the East Asiatic Co., belonging to the East Asiatic Co., and the defendant firm are the agents of that Company here? —I do not know that the goods arrived by that ship. He had been informed that the defendant firm were the agents of the East Asiatic Company.

At this stage, Mr. Jenkins produced a document and asked whether he did not show that all the money the firm made out of it was 25 cents? —I should not say that, but it shows that the agents' commission was 5 per cent. per package.

Do you know that the defendants had the permission of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to export these goods? —I do not know.

### TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, Chinese tram conductor was charged with defrauding the Hongkong Tramway Co. by selling old tickets.

Evidence was given as to the issuing of the tickets, the method of checking them and the detection of the offence. Representatives of the Company gave evidence, and an inspector said there were twelve people in the car, and all refused to give their names and addresses, with the exception of one. He (witness) denied that he had tried to borrow money from the defendant.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

### VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. R. State:

Extract from Routine Order No. 305, Monday, 20th December 1915.—

Regimental Court-Martial. A Regimental Court-Martial, composed of a under, will assemble at the Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 21st instant, for the purpose of trying by Regimental Court-Martial No. 330 Corporal George Martin, Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, and such other accused as may be brought before it:

President: Major L. B. F. Currie, 87th Company, R.G.A.  
Members: Captain C. Chapman, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, attached H. K. R. V. R.

A Subaltern, 4th K.S.L.I. (with not less than one year Commissioned Service).

Do you know that at the time of this transhipment shipments were not forbidden? —I don't know.

Do you know that when Mr. Jensen, the writer of the letter, got no answer to the letter he straightway went and saw the Captain Superintendent of Police? —I have never been told.

Do you know that when all that was before the summons was taken out? —I know nothing on the subject.

Do you know that the five cases of petroleum have been delivered to the consignees? —I don't know.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

### POLICE DINNER.

Reserves' Entertain the Regular Police.

### VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D. state:

Leave. Sapper S. Hamer is granted leave of absence from 1.1.16 to 1.1.17.

Promotion. 2nd Cpl. D. Astan, Engineer Co., to be Corporal dated 14.12.15.

2nd Cpl. J. R. Kinghorn, Engineer Co., to be Corporal dated 14.12.15.

Lcpl. A. Davidson, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

Lcpl. S. Jer, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

Sapper T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

Parades. Parade for Tuesday, 21st inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

Parade for Wednesday, 22nd inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

Parade for Thursday, 23rd inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

Parade for Friday, 24th inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

Right Section M.G. Co.—Section drill and Musketry exercises on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M.G. Co.—Machine Gun drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section Scouts Co.—Bayonet fighting at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Sections Scouts Co.—Drill on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Civil Service Co.—Drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Sec. M.G. Co. and Sig. Sec.) Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under S.M. Highby.

5.15 p.m. Scratches Bearer Section Instruction at Headquarters.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon—On duty until morning of 26th inst. H.E.V.R.

Next for duty Right Section M.G. Co.—Officer on duty Lieut. Kenneth P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.

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### SATURDAY'S PARADE

On Saturday afternoon, a special parade of the Volunteer Reserves took place, the men, assembling at the Volunteer Headquarters under the command of Major Wakeman. In addition to the reserves, there were also a machine-gun section from the Volunteer Corps with some machine-guns, and a party of signallers. The men proceeded to their various stations, a number going to the Peak, where they took the positions they will occupy in the event of mobilisation. Major General Ventris, with whom were Colonel Lee and Captain Cassell, inspected the various outposts. The inspection was finished at about eight o'clock, when the men were dismissed.

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### AN INSOLVENT COMPANY.

Winding-up Order Made by Court.

At the Supreme Court, this morning an application was heard by the Chief Justice for a supervision order of the Court for the voluntary winding up of the Yuen On Insurance, Exchange, Loan and Godown Company, of 134 Bonham Strand, Hongkong.

The application was made on behalf of the Company by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) president. The guests of the evening were Lieut. Wallace, Chief Gunner on the Tamar, Mr. Watstone, Warant Officer R.N.; Inspectors Sullivan, Gordon, Sim, Brazil, Brown, J. Watt, and Gerard; and Sergeant Pitt and Blackman. Among those present belonging to the Police Reserve were:—Inspectors Chin-chin, G. Watt, Langler, Taylor, Lammer, Wilden, Hyne, McEwan, Witchell, Leo D'Almeida, P. E. Alves, Sirdar Khan and Mow Fung; Sergeant Major Hoyland, Surgeon Inspector Thomas, Crown Sergeants Safford, Silvano, F. F. Silva, L. A. V. Robeiro, Lin Hew-fan, B. W. Tape, and Wang Kwing; and Sergeants Fothergill, Eastace, Arculli, Khawas Khan, H. C. Soeblo, O. A. Rozario, P. O. Rozi, C. A. R. Z., F. H. Hadman, J. M. S. Rozario, M. A. Figueredo, J. Graca Ozorio, F. B. Silva, Peter Wong, Chan Mek-boeng, James Woing, Kwok Ying-kuen, Chow Uting, J. Poey-why, Choy Choo-moon, Pun Yun-tong, and Chan Sia-za, with Bandmaster J. P. Gates and P. C. George Grimble.

After the dinner, which was served in excellent style, a few toasts were honoured. In reply to the toast of "Our Guests," which had been given by Mr. Jenkins, Inspector Gordon said how much the Royal Police appreciated the services of the Reserves, he assured them they were thankful for the great assistance being rendered.

During the evening a very enjoyable musical programme was gone through, those contributing being Lieut. Wallace, Drums Major Silva, Mr. George Grimble, Sergeant T. Pitt, Inspector Mow Fung, Inspector Lammer, Bandmaster Costa, Sing-Silva-Neto, and Sergeant Major Grimble. Mr. Grimble was the pianist.

It should be mentioned that great praise is due to Inspector Witchell, who was responsible for the whole arrangements, the proceedings going through without a hitch.

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## WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

## FRENCH TORPEDO ACTIVITY.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
A Paris naval communiqué says that a torpedo boat pursued two hydroplanes resting on the water near the Outrata Bank. One of them escaped and the other, which was hit, was captured with two naval men.

## GERMAN FACTORY

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed German war material in a factory at Haifa.

## AMERICA AND AUSTRIA

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
A telegram from Washington says that President Wilson is drafting a second Note to Austria, which it is expected will be despatched in a few days. It is understood that the Note asks for an immediate reply and to clearly state the consequences if unsatisfactory.

## THE AMSTERDAM SENSATION.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Public Prosecutor has appealed against the acquittal of the Editor of the *Telegraaf*.

## NOTHING TO REPORT.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
A Paris communiqué states that there is nothing noteworthy to report regarding the Dardanelles or Macedonia.

## THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

The organization of the entrenched camp at Salonica continues.

## THE FRENCH RETIREMENT.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at headquarters in the Balkans describes the final phase of the French retreat as masterly. A new bridgehead was established at Gradić where there was severe fighting and where there was an enormous accumulation of stores and rolling stock. Heavy guns were sent to the rear before the retirement of the troops had begun. The French lost three hundred yards of trench and the advance line wavered but the men rallied and held their ground further in the rear, while the bridgehead remained intact. When the troops were ordered to retire, their left, which had been the most vulnerable, was strengthened and the retreat to Gavrilovac was carried out without further loss, as was the evacuation of the hospitals and the removal of the stores at Gavrilovac, which has been the base. Fog delayed the retirement for forty-eight hours, but the movements were carried out normally. All the attacks were repulsed. Altogether the French lost two thousand killed and wounded in the retirement.

## STEAMERS SUNK.

December 17, 5.05 p.m.  
The Italian steamer *Port Said*, and the British steamer *Levenpool* have been sunk. The crew of the latter were rescued.

## PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

December 17, 5.05 p.m.  
The Russians have occupied Hamadan, and are approaching Kermān. The Russian Consuls are stated to have left Kermān for Bandar-e-Bas. The British Colony at Shiraz is still in captivity, and there is no news of the British Colony at Yozd. The British colony at Sultanabad has been released.

December 17, 8.25 p.m.  
It is reported from Teheran that owing to the advance of the Russians the Government committee at Kermān has fled to Isfahan.

## THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 17, 5.30 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the latest German report states that the Germans are concentrating at St. Mihiel, but there is growing evidence that not only are the Germans active, but that undoubtedly the enemy must throw new forces, especially artillery, into the West, where the superiority of the Allied guns is wrecking the German trenches, and the morale of the troops.

December 18, 12.45 p.m.  
A despatch from Headquarters in France states that, last night, the enemy made a small bombing attack on our line about the quaries north of Loos, but they were easily repulsed. There has been artillery activity the whole day long, especially north of Ypres.

December 18, 1.25 a.m.  
A Paris communiqué states:—The cannonade has been much more severe along the whole front. The Anglo-French artillery, acting in concert, successfully bombarded the enemy trenches in Belgium. Several German batteries in Champs-en-Verdun were also silenced. Two aeroplanes dropped twenty heavy bombs on the Metz and Sablon stations.

## THE RUSSIANS.

December 17, 5.30 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the latest German report states that there is reliable news that the Russians are also preparing a new offensive.

December 17, 6.25 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Russian thousand millions roubles war loan is assured of success. The Minister of Finance has drawn up a new fiscal scheme which is expected to produce an annual surplus of 361,000,000 roubles. State monopolies of tea, coffee and matches are contemplated.

December 18 1.05 a.m.  
A Petrograd communiqué reports engagements resulting in favour of the Russians northward of the Lake Drissiyat, and northward of Dalmat. Hundreds of Kurds were engaged on the northeastern extremity of Lake Van, but were driven to the mountains, leaving sixty dead.

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

## AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

December 19, 6.15 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington the United States Government has not yet received the Austrian Note, but, if it is in accordance with the outline given in Press telegrams, it will be entirely unsatisfactory and will result in the severance of relations. It is announced that the Government may now send a second Note renewing its original demands, but even more insistent on instant compliance.

Later.  
The Austrian Note in regard to the Anconia outrage has been received.

December 17, 10.15 p.m.  
A hurried Cabinet meeting discussed the Austrian Note and dispersed without any announcement. The position is regarded as being of the gravest. Mr. Lansing has stated that the text of the Note will not be published till it has been thoroughly studied.

December 18, 4.25 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting which considered the Austrian Note Mr. Lansing admitted that Austria had not yet met any of the American demands. A rapprochement, however, is not believed to be likely prior to another exchange of Notes. The frequent visits of the Austrian Chargé d'Affaires to the State Department is regarded as indicating that informal negotiations are in progress.

## MRS. ASQUITH V. THE "GLOBE."

December 17, 7.45 p.m.  
Mrs. Asquith is suing the *Globe* to restrain the publication of alleged libels. Her Counsel stated that she had been persecuted by accusations of want of loyalty in her associations with German professors at Downington Hall. She had also been described as a traitor, and a disgrace to her sex. These attacks were suspended only on the issue of a writ. The *Globe*'s Counsel said the question was whether the words "wife of a Cabinet Minister" referred to Mrs. Asquith. The latter's Counsel concluded that the words referred to his client, who denied on oath all the imputations. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

## GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 17, 8.15 p.m.  
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent the Allies in Greece have prepared a solid defensive. "The German heavy guns do not seem to have arrived, which doubtless accounts for the enemy's not crossing the frontier."

December 18, 1.25 a.m.  
A Paris communiqué states that there is no change in the situation in Macedonia.

December 18, 5.25 a.m.  
The *Times*' Athens correspondent says that the German Minister, replying to Greek objections to the entry of Austro-German troops into Greece, declared that the fortifications which the Allies are constructing at Salonica compel Germany to take action in Greek territory in order to expel the Allies. M. Scouloudis rejoined that Greece will never allow the Bulgarians to set foot on Greek soil. The Ministerial organ, the *Ephemeris*, asserts that the Government intends to protest against the fortifications of Salonica as exceeding the limits conceded.

## CANADIAN WAR FINANCE.

December 17, 9.20 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Toronto, Mr. White, the Finance Minister, in the course of a speech said:—"The greatest financial problem which we are at present facing in Canada is the establishment of some form of Canadian credit, which will relieve Great Britain from necessarily shipping gold for the payment of war supplies. The question whether Canada can give this assistance to the Empire will have a direct bearing upon the placing of further war orders in Canada." He also declared that Canada should partially finance present and further war orders.

## THE DARDANELLES.

December 18, 1.25 a.m.  
A Paris communiqué states that there is no change in the situation at the Dardanelles.

## LORD DERBY'S SCHEME IN ACTION.

December 17, 7.45 p.m.  
An important step was taken to-day under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme. Bills were posted calling out groups, two, three, four and five on January 20. These will be the unmarried men from nineteen to twenty-two years of age.

## INGENIOUS OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Captures by Calcutta Customs Officers.  
The Calcutta Customs Preventive officers have recently carried out a number of successful raids on the steamer *Yatrang* which have revealed numerous ingenious methods Chinese opium smugglers adopt. In one instance, a Chinese was found carrying a dwarf almirah on board. On examination, the boards which were employed to form the partitions were ascertained to be mere shells which were filled with 3½ seers of opium. In another instance, two bicycles were brought on board by two Chinese. Preventive Officer Maithland took the precaution of taking the machines to pieces and the tubes were found to be filled with 2½ seers of opium. Again, one morning Preventive Officers C. G. Smith and J. Mirza, brought to light another instance of peculiar ingenuity. In this case a Chinese named Foe Kim came on board wearing a pair of brand new pantomime boots. As he walked, there was no noise and this attracted the attention of the officers. The man was asked to take off his boots, and on their being cut open, a sack of opium was found under the sole of each. An inner sole had been improvised by attaching two pieces of leather, about six inches in height, inside the toe and the cavities had been stuffed with opium. The last accused was subsequently placed before Mr. Simhose, Chief Presidency Magistrate, who sentenced him to four months' rigorous imprisonment. The Magistrate, in his judgment, commended Preventive Officer C. G. Smith for his detection of this case.—*Excelsior*.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

## GEO. P. LAMMERT.

## AUCTIONEER, SHARE &amp;

## GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, December 21, 1915,

commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms Duddell Street.

IN ONE LOT.

The Japanese Steamer

"Taro Maru"

as she now lies wrecked at the Hainan Straits together with her Engines, Anchors, Cables, Appurtenances, Stores, etc., etc.

and

The Cargo consisting of about

3,800 Tons of Hongkay Dust Coal.

For further particulars apply to

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Terms: Cash on the fall of the Hammer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, December 21, 1915,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 28

B. Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable

Household Furniture

(Full particulars from catalogue)

On view from MONDAY, the

20th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, December 21, 1915,

commencing at 11 a.m. at the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd.

(Nos. 9 and 10 Godowns)

(For account to the concerned)

334 bags Hide Cuttings

117 bags Tanned Hides

570 bags Bark

30 baskets Dried Fish

13 bags Old Gummes

245 bags Split Batten

1 basket Yellow Stalk

All more or less damaged by

water etc. as "Gemini."

On view now.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1915,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Cut Glass

comprising—

Vases, bowls, wine glasses,

dishes, ice cream plates, and

decanters.

and

A large Assortment of

Table and Bed Linen

also

Dinner services, Tea and

coffee sets, Silver and Electro-

ware.

On view from Monday, the 20th

inst.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instruction to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1915,

commencing at 3 p.m.

at his Sales Rooms,

Duddell Street.

One Full English Billiard

Table with accessories.

On view now.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21.

## HOTEL LIST.

|                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| Hongkong Hotel                     |
| Anderson G.E.                      |
| Ashburn R.L.                       |
| Bachan R.                          |
| Bain Mr & Mrs J.W.                 |
| Bawell Mr & Mrs MacMurchie J.      |
| C.W.                               |
| Branch Capt. B.                    |
| Burke R.J.                         |
| Bullions K.E.                      |
| Bickerton H.                       |
| Bain H. Murray                     |
| Bell C.D.                          |
| Belliss Mr & Mrs E.R.              |
| Bennet Capt. W.                    |
| Bryant Capt. G.                    |
| Chapman Mr & Mrs F.                |
| Cheesee F. D.                      |
| Croucher N.                        |
| Chetham H.                         |
| Cameron W.H.M.                     |
| Comptons Mr & Mrs                  |
| Clarke Miss M.                     |
| Carrie W.J.                        |
| Carry J.J.                         |
| Duffy Miss M.E.                    |
| Davis Miss F.E.                    |
| Douglas F.S.                       |
| Dowd Capt. J.                      |
| Delaine Capt. J.W.                 |
| Edwards E.J.                       |
| Fitzroy A.C.                       |
| Gould Mr & Mrs J.S.                |
| Gibb J.                            |
| Goulbourn V.                       |
| Grenade R.A.                       |
| George Mr & Mrs H. Storck Mr & Mrs |
| Garnett A.                         |
| Hickey A.                          |
| Hunter R.                          |
| Hunt J.S.C.                        |
| Hodge W.J.                         |
| Hall Capt. T.P.                    |
| Hannah Mr & Mrs W.A.               |
| Heywood W.                         |
| Holgate L.G.                       |
| Holmes Mr & Mrs                    |
| Hastman F.                         |
| Hodges Mrs A.E.                    |
| Hannigan Miss F.                   |
| Impey Capt. R.                     |
| Joseph E.M.                        |
| Lloyd G.T.                         |
| Lauriston C.                       |
| Longfield S.                       |
| Mann Mrs R.K.                      |

## CONSIGNEES

## AMERICAN &amp; MANCHURIAN LINE

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From NEW YORK AND

COLUMBO.

THE Steamship

"KOTO."

Capt. J. A. Smith having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY 24th instant at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by —

ST. EWAN TOMES & CO.  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From CALCUTTA, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship

"ITOLA," having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board at noon, after the 20th instant, will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1915.

## NOTICE

## NOTICES

## ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

DELIGHTFUL PRESENTS FOR  
Children and Adults.LISSUE  
HANDKERCHIEFSLISSUE  
HANDKERCHIEFS

A Delightful fine Lawn Fabric  
gaily Mercerized in Plain  
White or with Coloured Borders.  
Size about 12 inches Square.

Colours are Fast.

Price \$3.50 Per Dozen  
in Card Box.

## LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Cotton Handkerchiefs with Narrow Hemstitched Borders,  
Corners Embroidered in Colour with Figures representing  
Types of the British and Allied Armies.

Price \$4.00 Per Doz.

## INFANTS' FROCKS.

Fine White Lawn Handkerchiefs

Very Daintily Trimmed with  
Embroidery and Tucks.

Price \$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.25

\$5.00 \$6.00 Each.

WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.  
20, DES VŒUX ROAD, HONGKONG.

## NOTICES.

## KEROSENE OIL

We guarantee all kerosene oil  
sold by us to be pure and  
unadulterated.

Present price.—

"COMET."

\$3.90 per case ex store.

"WHITE ROSE."

\$4.30 per case ex store.

CHING CHEONG

168 Des Vœux Road, Cen.

(2 blocks West of Cent. Market)

KWONG YUEN.

91 Des Vœux Road, West.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1915.

G. R.

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CHRISTMAS

AT THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

At the request of several pa-

trons of the Hotel the Manage-

ment has arranged a series of

dances to be held during Christ-

mas Week open to residents and

diners in the Hotel. These will

take place on the following

nights—

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.

BOXING DAY

MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.

NEW YEAR EVE

FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut.

Colonel L. A. WATSON and

Officers the Band of the 74th

Punjab under Bandmaster

Christian will be in attendance.

Special menus will be served in

the Grill Room at \$3.50 per head

and in the Main Dining Room at

\$2.50 per head.

Table accommodation can be

reserved at the Hotel Main Office.

The Hotel Launch will leave

Blake Pier each night for Kow-

loon after dance.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

Open till Midnight.

NIGHT CARS

Every Car = 10/- Night.

10/- AM to 12 MIDNIGHT

12 MIDNIGHT to 1 AM

1 AM to 2 AM

2 AM to 3 AM

3 AM to 4 AM

4 AM to 5 AM

5 AM to 6 AM

6 AM to 7 AM

7 AM to 8 AM

8 AM to 9 AM

9 AM to 10 AM

10 AM to 11 AM

11 AM to 12 PM

12 PM to 1 PM

1 PM to 2 PM

2 PM to 3 PM

3 PM to 4 PM

4 PM to 5 PM

5 PM to 6 PM

6 PM to 7 PM

7 PM to 8 PM

8 PM to 9 PM

9 PM to 10 PM

10 PM to 11 PM

11 PM to 12 MIDNIGHT

EVERY QUANTITY OF AN HOUR.

SUNDAYS

Kings Car = 10/- Night.

SPECIAL CARS

By arrangement with the Office.

Almond's Tailors,

Dent Tailors, Central

Bankers, etc.

Sundays

10/- AM to 12 MIDNIGHT

12 MIDNIGHT to 1 AM

1 AM to 2 AM

2 AM to 3 AM

3 AM to 4 AM

4 AM to 5 AM

5 AM to 6 AM

6 AM to 7 AM

7 AM to 8 AM

8 AM to 9 AM

9 AM to 10 AM

10 AM to 11 AM

11 AM to 12 PM

12 PM to 1 PM

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## COMMERCIAL

## Indian Crop Reports.

Delhi, November 12.—Cattle are beginning to suffer in parts of the Punjab and Rajputana and the need for rain is increasing over the whole of North-Western India, both to bring on the young wheat and also to help the fodder supply; and elsewhere throughout India agricultural conditions continue upon the whole favourable, though prices still have an upward tendency, and there is some distress in parts of Bengal and Bihar and Orissa, the Burmese, and Tippera districts, being shown by last week's crop report to-day published, to have twenty-four thousand persons under one form or another on relief, while Mymensingh and Sylhet districts have five thousand.

## The Wool Trade of Kansu.

Sining, Nov. 23.—The price of wool has been going up rapidly owing to keen competition. There are some forty hongs. It is a booming time for the Tibetans and Mongolians. It has been almost impossible to buy a cartful of wool on the street. Tls. 25 to Tls. 28 a picul have been paid and now there is likely to be a smash up among many of the smaller hongs, as the merchants in Tientan have fixed the receiving price at Tls. 30 per picul. The cost of the carriage down country is borne by the agents in the interior so there will be a dead loss of many taels per picul. The crisis was bound to come sooner or later, and no one is to blame but the agents themselves for competing one against the other, instead of, in the more sensible way, agreeing together to fix the price for each year. It is probable there will be a stoppage next year, as the Tibetans and Mongolians will not be willing to sell the wool at a lower price, consequently they will hold it back. If so this will have the effect of closing up all the smaller hongs with little capital. Since the establishment of the Republic with its five-coloured flag giving all equal rights the restriction on the sale of grain to Tibetans and Mongolians has been removed, consequently with the high prices received for wool this year they have bought huge quantities of grain, and though the harvest has been good and no opium cultivated yet the prices of grain have gone up instead of down, so that everything is more than double the ordinary cost.—*N.C. Daily News*.

## Home Commercial and Produce Markets.

London November 17.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ to 4¾ per cent, and discount of four months' Bank bills 5½ to 5¾ per cent. The Silver market has been very steady, and bars are now quoted at 245/8d. per oz. The Rubber share market has continued to grow in strength and volume of transactions. The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., announces that £250,000 of 4½ per cent. sterling loan bonds of 15/05 of the first series and £250,000 of 4½ per cent. sterling bonds of the second series have been purchased on behalf of the Imperial Japanese Government for the purpose of cancellation. The Government has thus anticipated repayment at par in July, 1925, or at any time on giving six months' notice. The China Tea market has been quiet, but steady. Coffee has met with more demand, and very steady prices were realized. In Sugar there is a fair business passing at firm rates. Peppers continue firm, but offers are scarce. Rice is firmly held. Manila Hemp has been firmer, and prices show an advance. Plantation Rubber has been very firm at a further advance. Standard No. 1 Crepe being quoted at 2s. 9d. per lb., and Smoked Sheet 2s. 8d. per lb. Fine Hand Para is 2s. 5d. per lb. Straits Tin is 1s72 5d. to 1s72 15d. for each, and 1s71 5d. to 1s71 15d. for three months.

SHARE REPORT.  
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

| STOCK.                                | Today's<br>Prices | Number<br>of<br>Shares | Per<br>Psd<br>Value<br>Up | 1914.                   |              | 1914.   |   | 1915.                        |  | Last Dividend<br>and Date |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|                                       |                   |                        |                           | Highest                 | Lowest       | Highest   | Lowest  | Since<br>Last May,<br>to now |  |                           |
| <b>Banks.</b>                         |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Corp.             | \$800 b.          | 120,000                | \$125 all                 | 885 July                | 700 Oct.     | 845 x div. 790 x div.                           | 723- at 1/9 5/15 equal to \$84.21 for 1/6 year 30/6/15  |                              |  |                           |
| Marine Insurance.                     |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.         | 455 b.            | 17,000                 | \$650 59                  | 350 Dec.                | 305 Oct.     | 425 360   | Final of 34 a/c 1913. Interim of 18 a/c 1914.   |                              |  |                           |
| North China Ins. Co. Ltd.             | 1774 b.           | 10,000                 | \$15 50                   | 145 May                 | 133 Jan.     | 175 180   | Final of 151 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.  |                              |  |                           |
| Union Ins. Society of China Ltd.      | 3610 s.           | 12,400                 | \$250 100                 | 847 April               | 700 Oct.     | 332 385   | Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making 45 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.   |                              |  |                           |
| Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.              | 3330              | 12,000                 | \$100 60                  | 210 April               | 1924 Jan.    | 270 225   | Final of \$15 mark \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914.  |                              |  |                           |
| Fire Insurance.                       |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| China Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.              | 3152 s.           | 20,000                 | \$100 20                  | 160 July                | 140 Oct.     | 162 130   | 99 for 1913   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.           | 4467 b.           | 8,000                  | \$350 50                  | 393 Feb.                | 368 April    | 428 385   | 87 for 1913   |                              |  |                           |
| Shipping.                             |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd.            | 394 s. b.         | 20,000                 | \$30 all                  | 36 Mar.                 | 274 Nov.     | 94 45   | \$4 for year ending 30.6.15.  |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong, C. & N.S.S. Co. Ltd.        | 29 b.             | 80,000                 | \$15 all                  | 294 Jan.                | 22 Dec.      | 36 19   | Final of 40 cts making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14.  |                              |  |                           |
| Wando-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. | 160 b.            | 60,000 25              | all                       | 79 Jan.                 | 50 Sept.     | 158 96  | 6 p.c. on p.s. & 5 p.c. and a/c for year 1914 & a/c 5 p.c. div. in H.K. from 29.12.15 an interim div. of 5 p.c. on the combined & paid in London 22.9.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.1.15. |                              |  |                           |
| Shell Export & Trading Co. Ltd.       | 32,797,510 s.     | 106- Feb.              | 70/- Sept.                | 90/- x div. 82/- x div. | 82/-         | Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914 |   |                              |  |                           |
| Star Ferry Company, Ltd.              | 3374              | 40,000                 | \$10 all                  | 49 Mar.                 | 40 Nov.      | 38 32   | \$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15  |                              |  |                           |
| Refineries.                           |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| China S. Refining Co. Ltd.            | 326 s.            | 20,000                 | \$100 all                 | 94 Feb.                 | 70 Nov.      | 134 111   | 88 for 1912   |                              |  |                           |
| Lanson S. Refining Co. Ltd.           | 381 b.            | 7,000                  | \$100 all                 | 31 Jan.                 | 17 Dec.      | 46 274  | 88 for 1897   |                              |  |                           |
| Mining.                               |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Kailan Mining Admin. Co.              | 1,000,000 s.      | 51 all                 | 414 Feb.                  | 33/5 Dec.               | 33/6         | 304   | Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5).  |                              |  |                           |
| Bank Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd.  | 34 s.             | 200,000 21 all         | 310 Jan.                  | 190 Nov.                | 4            | 33/6  | 1/2 for 1909  |                              |  |                           |
| Trouchi Mines Ltd.                    | 27 b.             | 160,000 21 all         | 39/- Feb.                 | 19/6 Nov.               | 32/6         | 25/- b/l. interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15         |   |                              |  |                           |
| Ural Carriers                         | 35 s.             | 75,000 21 all          | 56/6                      | 21/3                    | 41           | 37/6  | 1/- interim 1915  |                              |  |                           |
| Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.        |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong & K.W. & G. Co. Ltd.         | 377 b.            | 60,000                 | \$30 all                  | 89 Jan.                 | 73 Nov.      | 81½ 68  | \$3.50 for year 1914  |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong & W. pos. D. Co. Ltd.        | 383 b.            | 50,000                 | \$30 all                  | 77 Jan.                 | 53 Oct.      | 84½ 57  | 83 dividend for year 1914   |                              |  |                           |
| Shai Dock & Eng. Co. Ltd.             | 53 b.             | 55,700                 | \$100 all                 | 50 July                 | 50 Dec.      | 63½ 48 ex div.                                  | Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15  |                              |  |                           |
| Shai & H'kew W. Co. Ltd.              | 58 s.             | 36,000                 | \$100 all                 | 169 Jan.                | 83½ Dec.     | 93½ 80  | Tls. 5 for 1914   |                              |  |                           |
| Lands, Hotels and Buildings.          |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Anglo French Lands                    | 194 b.            | 13,000                 | \$100 100                 | —                       | 94           | 94  | Tls. 6½ for year ending 29.2.14   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Hotel Co. Ltd.               | 108 b.            | 20,000                 | \$30 50                   | 128 July                | 120 Dec.     | 116 112   | \$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Land Investment Co.          | 10314 n.          | 50,000                 | \$100 all                 | 117½ July               | 98 Nov.      | 108 103   | \$3 for year ending 30.6.15   |                              |  |                           |
| Hopreys Estate & F. Co. Ltd.          | 56,800 s.         | 150,000                | \$10 all                  | 93½ Jan.                | 7 Nov.       | 71 6.10   | 45 cents for year 1914  |                              |  |                           |
| Klonland & Building Co. Ltd.          | 40 b.             | 6,000                  | \$30 30                   | 45½ Jan.                | 44 Feb.      | 40 40   | \$3 for 1914  |                              |  |                           |
| Shanghai Lands                        | 1105 b.           | 78,000                 | \$100 all                 | 98 Dec.                 | 89 Oct.      | 106 101   | Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15  |                              |  |                           |
| West Point Building Co. Ltd.          | 574 b.            | 12,500                 | \$30 all                  | 73 June                 | 66 Feb.      | 70 70   | \$2 for half year ending 30.6.15  |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Central Estates              | 100 b.            | 10,000                 | \$100 all                 | —                       | 103          | 100   | \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14   |                              |  |                           |
| Cotton Mills.                         |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Ewo-Cotton S. & W. Co. Ltd.           | 5140 s.           | 20,000                 | \$15 all                  | 138 July                | 125 May      | 142 132   | Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15  |                              |  |                           |
| Kung Yik                              | 5141 s.           | 25,000                 | \$10 all                  | 142 Jan.                | 11 Mar.      | 13½ 12  | Tls. 12 for year ending 30.11.14  |                              |  |                           |
| Loon Kung Mow                         | 78 s.             | 8,000                  | \$100 all                 | 110 Feb.                | 70 May       | 50 50   | Tls. 12 for 1913  |                              |  |                           |
| Shanghai Cottons                      | 587 s.            | 40,000                 | \$15 all                  | 135 Feb.                | 70 Nov.      | 105 50  | Dividend of Tls. 7½ for year ending 30.6.15   |                              |  |                           |
| Yangtzezeops                          | 561 n.            | 175,000                | \$15 all                  | —                       | —            | 52 61   |   |                              |  |                           |
| Miscellaneous.                        |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| China Borneo Company Ltd.             | \$103/2           | 50,000                 | \$12 all                  | 12 May                  | 10 Dec.      | 18 10   | 80 cents for 1914   |                              |  |                           |
| China Light & Power Co. Ltd.          | 458 b.            | 50,000                 | \$5 all                   | 490 July                | 4 April      | 4½ 4½   | 5% for year ending 23.2.06  |                              |  |                           |
| Do. (Spec. shares)                    |                   |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |
| China Prov. L. & M. Co. Ltd.          | 9.80 s.           | 55,000                 | \$10 all                  | 9 Jan.                  | 7 Nov.       | 10.10 8.00                                      | 70 cts for 1914   |                              |  |                           |
| Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.              | 530 s.            | 40,000                 | \$10 all                  | 39 June                 | 35 Aug.      | 34 31   | \$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15  |                              |  |                           |
| Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.          | 9.78 s.           | 400,000                | \$10 all                  | 6.90 Jan.               | 5 Dec.       | 11 6.70   | 50 cts for 1914.  |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.            | 5443 s.           | 60,000                 | \$10 all                  | 49 Jan.                 | 36 Nov.      | 45 39   | \$2.00 per share for 1914.  |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd.                 | 5190 n.           | 6,000                  | \$25 all                  | 217½ July               | 17 Dec.      | 190 184   | Interim of \$2 account 1915   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd.           | 5324 s.           | 60,000                 | \$10 all                  | 25 June                 | 22 Apr.      | 48½ 22  | Interim \$1 for 1 year ending 30.6.15   |                              |  |                           |
| Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd.             | 514 b.            | 355,000                | \$5 all                   | 13½ July                | 7½ Feb.      | 5.50 4.80                                       | \$10 % for 1914   |                              |  |                           |
| Laungkate                             | 1354 b.           | 250,000                | \$10 all                  | 84½ Mar.                | 28 Dec.      | 42 36½  | Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1912  |                              |  |                           |
| Peak Tramway Co. Ltd. (Old)           | 10 b.             | 25,000                 | \$10 all                  | 10½ Jan.                | 9½ June      | 10 9  | 70 cts on fully paid shares and 7 cts on \$1 paid shares for year ending 31.12.1914   |                              |  |                           |
| Do. (New)                             | 85 cts. b.        | 50,000                 | \$10 \$1                  | 93 cts. Jan.            | 75 cts. Dec. | 51 50 cts                                       | 7 cts on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.6.15  |                              |  |                           |
| Philippines Ltd.                      | 54 b.             | 25,000                 | \$10 all                  | —                       | —            | 5 5   | None  |                              |  |                           |
| E. Price & Co. Ltd.                   | 55 b              |                        |                           |                         |              |   |   |                              |  |                           |

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co.'s Weekly Share Circular (Shanghai December 11) says:-

## TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:-

## AN UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph") Received December 12.

The rumour that Mr. McKenna will succeed Viscount Hardinge as Viceroy of India is declared to be without foundation.

## OBITUARIES.

## EARL DE LA WARR.

London. Received December 13. The death is announced of Earl De La Warr, from rheumatic fever and pneumonia, at Messina.

Mr. Arthur Stanley, M.P. The death is announced of Mr. Arthur Stanley, the Labour M.P.

## POLICE OFFICERS SUICIDE.

London. Received December 13. Mr. Charles Batt, Deputy Inspector of Police for Britain, committed suicide at Cheltenham.

## RAILWAY DISASTER.

London. Received December 13. There was a terrible railway accident at South Shields, a passenger train, a pilot engine and an empty workmen's train all colliding in a fog. It is reported that several coaches of the passenger train are all right, but in others the passengers were burned to death.

There were heartrending scenes at South Shields. There were a number of women and children in the front portion of the train, where the carriage doors were jammed, and some were pinned by their legs.

Suddenly the gas exploded, the first two carriages burst into flames, and most of the occupants are believed to have met with an awful fate.

The rescuers did their utmost, attracted by the cries of the injured, and medical aid was soon on the scene.

It is reported that twelve were killed and many injured.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph)

## DIRTY PL. Y.

Sir.—With reference to the correspondence which appeared in your issue of Thursday, 16th inst., re "Dirty Play," I feel that it is only fair to the Club which I represent, as well as to every member of the team, to state that, as a result of the foul and dirty play at the match referred to by your correspondent, several of our players were injured, and three of them so seriously, that we could not possibly meet our next League fixture although we postponed it twice.

Lands and Hotels.—Anglo-French sold and wanted at 10%; and Investments at the same figure. Cereals could still be placed at 8%.

Cotton Mills.—The better our look for yarn noticed in our last can hardly be expected to survive shocks such as the recent proceedings at the Arsenal afford; what the New Year may bring is on the knees of the Gods, but it would seem wise to delay share purchases for the present.

Industries.—Langkawi, awoke from their recent somnolent attitude and dropped 3½ points, but seem steadier. Sumatras were recorded at 120.

Rubbers.—As mentioned above, the market closed more active than at the beginning of the week.

The London Rubber price is well maintained, and it is noticeable that the margin between the spot and forward prices is diminishing, a reassuring sign of sustained rates. Amherst. The profit for the year, ended 30th June last, was £1,672,18, which is to be carried forward. The correctness of the balance-sheet is not guaranteed by the auditors. Alma.

A final dividend of 10 per cent will be proposed at the Annual Meeting, called for 22nd instant. Dominica. An interim dividend of 50 per cent has been declared payable on 22nd instant.

Shanghai-Kleiburg. The confirmation is called for 14th instant.

Miscellaneous. Telephone sold by 10th Commissioners. The new members of the Council

## POST OFFICE.

## PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:-

50c. for the first lb. or fraction thereof;

10c. for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulha Radio Telegraph Station:-

Sabah Novara Empire

Glenbrook Shiny Man

Correspondence addressed to country subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

## MAILED DUE.

English Novara, 31st Dec.

Australia. Empire, 31st Dec.

## MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Philippines Is.—Per YELTAI M. 22nd Dec.

5 p.m.

Saigon—Per CHILDAR 9th Dec. 5 p.m.

Straits Ceylon & India via Bombay—Per

IYO M. 23rd Dec. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hainan—Per DIVA 1st Dec. 7 a.m.

Hoihow and Haiphong—Per LOKRANG.

1st Dec. 7 a.m.

Australia. Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin.

Austl. New Guinea via Thursday Is.

Per ST ALBANS, 1st Dec.

10 a.m.

Philippines Is.—Per LUENCHOW, 1st Dec.

Dec. 11 a.m.

Palkow & Haiphong—Per KAIFONG,

1st Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Kobe—Per ITOLA 2nd Dec. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HALINGCHOW 2nd Dec. 11 a.m.

Hainan—Per Canton

1st Dec. 11 a.m.

Basakik—Per ULF, 1st Dec. 3 p.m.

Shantou—Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji (Europe via Siberia)—

Per NOVARA, 1st Dec. 5 p.m.

Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, with Dec.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec.

Hollow & Haiphong—Per DAIGI, 1st Dec. 9 a.m.

THURSDAY 23rd Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow via Arding & Taku—Per SOSU 2nd Dec.

1st Dec. 7 a.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG,

2nd Dec. 10 a.m.

Singapore, Malaya, North China Japan via Siam, North China Japan via Seattle & United Kingdom via Canada (Kanoya via Siberia)—

Per YOKOHAMA M. 3rd Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 27th Dec.

WEDNESDAY, 29th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HALINGCHOW 2nd Dec. 11 a.m.

Philippines Is.—Per TEAT 2nd Dec. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY 30th Dec.

Straits Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe.

The parcel mail will be closed on Wednesday, 29th Dec. 5 p.m.—Per NANKEEN 30th Dec. Registration 1.15 p.m.

Letters 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 31st Dec.

Shanghai M. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Bonin, United States, South America and Canada via San Francisco & U.S. Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHINYO M. 29th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 1st Jan.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in

Reservoirs on the 1st Dec. 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL

TUESDAY 21st Dec.

Waterworks 1000 ft. above sea level

Overflow 1000 ft. above sea level

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